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DURING RAMADHAAN

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TRANSLATOR'S FORWARD

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All the praise is for Allaah, the Lord of all that exists. May prayers and peace be upon the most noble of the Prophets and Messengers; our Prophet and Imaam, Muhammad ibn 'Abdullaah, the Trustworthy; upon his family member and companions, and all those who cling to his Sunnah up until the Day of Recompense. As to proceed:

Fasting in the blessed month of Ramadhaan is an act of worship the benefits of which cannot be enumerated. From the benefits is that which Messenger of Allaah ﷺ has stated, reporting from his Lord:

كُلُّ عَمَلِ ابْنِ آدَمَ لَهُ إِلَّا الصِّيَامَ ، فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَ أَنَا أَجْزِي
بِهِ ، وَ الصِّيَامُ جُنَّةٌ فَإِذَا كَانَ يَوْمٌ صَوْمٍ أَحَدِكُمْ فَلَا
يَرْفُثُ وَ يَصْحَبُ ، فَإِنْ سَابَهُ أَحَدٌ أَوْ قَاتَلَهُ فَلْيَقُلْ

إِنِّي امْرُؤٌ صَائِمٌ ، وَ الَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَخُلُوفٌ
فَمِ الصَّائِمِ أَطْيَبُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ رِيحِ الْمِسْكِ ،
لِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ يَفْرَحُهُمَا : إِذَا أَفْطَرَ فَرِحَ بِفِطْرِهِ وَ
إِذَا لَقِيَ رَبَّهُ فَرِحَ بِصَوْمِهِ

All of the actions of the son of Adam are for him, with the exception of the fast; for it is for Me so I will issue the reward for it. Fasting is a shield. So if it is the day of fasting for one of you then let him not be obscene or tumultuous. If someone seeks to fight with him then let him say: 'I am fasting.' By He in whose Hand is Muhammad's soul, the odor coming from the mouth of the fasting person is better with Allaah than the smell of musk. The fasting person has two times of rejoicing. When he breaks his fast he rejoices and when he meets his Lord he rejoices from his fasting.¹

Since this great act of worship has this status and these benefits, our avowed enemy, Shaytaan, no doubt will seek to deprive us of these benefits and make us lose out on the

¹ Al-Bukhaaree within the Book of Fasting 4/103 Chapter: The Virtue of Fasting; and Muslim in the Book of Fasting 8/32 Chapter: The Virtue of Fasting, from the Hadeeth of Aboo Hurayrah, may Allaah be pleased with him.

reward of fasting. He employs various means in attempts to do so. So we must be aware of his plots in order that we may avoid those things, which he calls us to, and subdue this enemy, by permission of Allaah.

Within the hands of the noble reader is the English translation of a Khutbah delivered by the Shaykh Aboo Nasr Muhammad ibn 'Abdillaah Al-Imaam, entitled:

مَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الشَّيْطَانُ بِبَعْضِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي رَمَضَانَ

“What Shaytaan does to some of the Muslims in Ramadhaan”

It is a very powerful sermon delivered by one of the great scholars of our time, which is packed with benefit; highlighting the ploys of Iblees in seeking to make the Muslims miss out on the benefit which is to be derived from this great month.

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I ask Allaah to make this work a benefit for the Muslims and to make it heavy upon the scales of good deeds for the Shaykh Muhammad Al-Imaam, the translator, the publisher, and all else who had a hand in bringing this work about. Indeed he is Ever-Near and Responsive, and Able to do all things.

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THE FIRST KHUTBAH



All the praise is for Allaah; we praise him; we seek His aid, and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allaah from the evils of our souls and the consequences of our evil actions. He whom Allaah guides there is none to misguide and he whom Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah Alone who has no partners and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

O you who believe! Fear Allaah as He should be feared and die not except in a state of Islaam (as Muslims).²

² Aali Imran [3:102]

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ

مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ

رَقِيبًا ﴿١٠١﴾

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allaah through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship. Surely, Allaah is Ever an All-Watcher over you.³

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ

وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins, and whosoever obeys Allaah and His Messenger (ﷺ) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e.

³ An-Nisaa [4:1]

He will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise).⁴

The best speech is the speech of Allaah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad ﷺ, and the worst of matters are those which are newly invented. For indeed every newly invented matter is an innovation and every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hellfire.

As to proceed:

The title of this Khutbah is: **“What Shaytaan does to some of the Muslims during Ramadhan.”**

You all know that Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, has obligated fasting the blessed month of Ramadhan upon the Muslims. This obligation is due to a great wisdom, abundant benefit, and tremendous favors within the Dunyaa and the Hereafter. Allaah has clarified that within His Book and His Messenger ﷺ has clarified that within his Sunnah. The Lord of all that exists said within His Noble Book:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن

قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

O you who believe! Observing As-Saum (the fasting) is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you that you may become Al-Muttaqûn.⁵

This is from the wisdom of fasting; that Allaah wishes for His slaves to reach the level of at-Taqwaa. The level of at-Taqwaa is the level of completion in servitude to the Lord of all that exists, Glorified be He. This is because at-Taqwaa is predicated upon performance of the acts of obedience of Allaah, upon patience in staying away from the prohibited matters, and upon patience with the decree of Allaah, the Lord of all that exists. So when the Muslim becomes one who performs the acts of obedience and avoids the acts of disobedience and evil deeds, and he is patient regarding the decree of Allaah, then he is closer to the One who deserves that Taqwaa should be had of Him (i.e., Allaah); and how in need the Muslims are for arriving to the level of at-Taqwaa.

⁴ Al-Ahzab [33:70-71]

⁵ Al-Baqarah [2:183]

description of the worshipers of Allaah, the Lord of all that exists; Glorified and Exalted be He, and if he is incapable of this, then he hastens to make you minimize it. Although you may perform them, you will do so, however, without perfecting them and without consistency and perseverance therein.

O slaves of Allaah, we are in need of knowing our greatest enemy who is none other than Shaytaan; (he) who has been deprived of the obedience of Allaah. Our Lord has said within His noble book:

﴿اسْتَحْذَرُوا الشَّيْطَانَ فَانْصَرَفَ عَنْكُمْ ذَكَرَ اللَّهُ﴾

Shaytaan (Satan) has overtaken them. So he has made them forget the remembrance of Allaah.⁹

Look at what Shaytaan does to the Muslims. He causes them to forget the remembrance of Allaah, the Lord of all that exists so that they do not remain within a state of remembrance. Rather, they desire to abandon that and firmly resolve upon abandonment of acts of obedience. Who is the one who make him intentionally abandon obedience while he is a Muslim

⁹ Al-Mujadilah [58:19]

believing in Allaah as his Lord, Islaam as his religion, and Muhammad as his Messenger and Prophet ﷺ? Indeed it is Shaytaan who has caused him to forget the obedience of Allaah. Our Lord has also said within His noble book:

﴿فَأَنسَهُ الشَّيْطَانُ ذِكْرَ رَبِّهِ﴾

But Shaytaan (Satan) made him forget the remembrance of his Lord.¹⁰

And our Lord has said:

﴿وَمَا يُنْسِيَنَّكَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَلَا تَقْعُدْ بَعْدَ الذِّكْرِى مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾

And if Shaytaan (Satan) causes you to forget, then after the remembrance sit not you in the company of those people who are the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.).¹¹

O servants of Allaah, you see that from amongst the Muslims there is a number of them-which is not a small number-whose main concern is only to fast, due to this. Is his concern sincerity? Is his concern truthfulness? Is his concern to safeguard his fast and distance the fast from

¹⁰ Yusuf [12:42]

¹¹ Al-An'am [6:68]

THE SECOND KHUTBAH



All the praise is for Allaah alone. May prayers and peace be upon he after whom there is no Prophet upon his family members and companions. As to precede, O Muslims, Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyah رحمته الله, said: ***“There is no act of obedience except that Shaytaan has two paths against the obedient one. The first path is that he makes him negligent of it. The second path is that he reminds him of sins and beautifies them for him.”***

As it relates to worship, Shaytaan endeavors to withhold you from it; and it relates to acts of disobedience, he endeavors to push you towards it, to stir your desires, and to insight you to fall into disobedience. This is your enemy. He conducts himself with you in this manner. And he endeavors as well to make you doubt the truth and to make you one who has doubt regarding the truth. Due to this, it is

authentically narrated, on the authority of Ibn Mas’ood, in a Mawqoof form from him (thereby having the ruling of being a statement from the Prophet) that he said:

إِنَّ لِلشَّيْطَانِ لَمَّةً وَ لِلْمَلِكِ لَمَّةً ، فَلَمَّةُ الشَّيْطَانِ
إِعْازٌ بِالشَّرِّ وَ تَكْذِيبٌ بِالْحَقِّ

“Indeed Shaytaan has a call and the angel has a call. The call of Shaytaan is to incite one to do evil and to deny the truth.”

So the call of Shaytaan, when Shaytaan enters upon us and whispers, what does he do? Ibn Mas’ood said that it is the incitement towards evil and the denial of the truth, so beware of being with this enemy.

O Muslim, all of you-or most of you-know the Hadeeth which it has been narrated by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim from the Hadeeth of Aboo Hurayrah that the leader of the first and last people رحمته الله has said:

إِذَا جَاءَ رَمَضَانُ فَتُحَتُّ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ، وَ غُلِّقَتْ
أَبْوَابُ النَّيِّرَانِ وَ صُفِدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ .

Therefore, O assembly of Muslims, you should be people who comprehend and have knowledge regarding this enemy and the mastery, which this enemy seeks to attain over us, and his efforts in corrupting us. So let us advise one another and let us aid one another upon goodness as much as we are able and not be pleased with incapability and let us not be pleased with laziness and let us not be pleased with folly. The leader of the first and last people ﷺ said:

اَسْتَعِزْ بِاللّٰهِ وَتَعِجْزْ

“Seek the help of Allaah and do not be incapable.”

The scholars say that Allaah has not commanded you with any command except that you are to seek His aid in it. He made a condition for you that you seek His aid in it. So all acts of obedience which are legislated and which you are called to perform, Allaah will aid you. Therefore, do not submit to your enemy who makes burdensome upon you obedience and that which appears to you to be as mountains; as if you are carrying a mountain when you perform an act of obedience, and as if you are entering a prison and not as if you are

within the expansiveness of worship and standing in front of Allaah and with Allaah and addressing Allaah. Allaah says:

اَلَا يَذْكُرُ اَللّٰهُ تَطْمِئِنُّ الْقُلُوْبُ ﴿٢٨﴾

“Verily, in remembrance of Allaah do hearts find rest.”¹⁶

O Allaah, indeed we ask for your guidance, protection, uprightness, and enrichment. O Allaah, do not leave for us a sin except that you should forgive it, nor a worry except that you shall relieve it, nor an enemy except that you vanquish him. O Allaah keep us safe within our lands. O Allaah, preserve us with Islaam; standing, sitting, and lying down. O Allaah, make easy for us the fast of Ramadhaan and standing therein in prayer. O Allaah, make easy for us fasting Ramadhaan and standing therein in prayer in a manner that will please you. O Allaah, aid us in obeying you, worshiping you, thanking you and remembering you. Indeed You are able to do all things.

¹⁶ Ra'd [13:28]